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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

*RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).*

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I support the merger of AT&T and the Deutsche Telekom's T-Mobile USA Corporation. In this letter, I will discuss the reasons why, and I hope they will provide you and the Commissioners the perspective needed to approve AT&T and Deutsche Telekom's application.

I have become increasingly aware of the importance of the Internet in all aspects of our residents' and institutions' lives. Phone calls, documents, video, and data are all available on the tiniest of mobile devices. The influence of the web is pervasive, even in an industry not necessarily associated with it.

To explain further, the Alabama town of which I am mayor, Scottsboro, rests along the Tennessee River's Lake Guntersville Reservoir. The reservoir is a backbone resource for the town. Water recreation – boating, water-skiing and the like – is a major industry in the community.

Yet even out on the water, people like to stay connected to relatives, associates, their jobs and the outside world in general. As a result, boaters frequently request better wireless coverage and broadband coverage. Like it or not, people believe the ability to make phone calls and connect to the Internet should be possible anytime and anywhere.

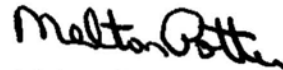
Frankly, I agree. Any invention, be it the car, light bulb, or airplane has been made widely available as soon as companies were sufficiently strong enough to manufacture and provide such products or services. The new mobile, broadband networks that support phone calls and Internet

access are out there to a certain point, but they need to be available to every town, city, business and home in America.

AT&T's merger with T-Mobile seems to me the next stage in making the newest networks available to the public. That is called progress, and it is something the country badly needs at this time.

I appreciate the time and consideration you are taking to reach a decision in this matter. I hope you approve the merger and that it comes soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melton Potter". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Melton Potter  
City of Scottsboro

cc: Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn